Need for Easy Deals Stressed

Home Trade-In Urged

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MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (UPI) — The housing industry is missing a good bet by not making it as easy for the home owner to trade in his old house as a motorist does his automobile, according to electronics manufacturer John W. Norris.

Norris' primary interet in easier trade-ins lies in the belief that many persons would move to more expensive homes as their incomes increased if it were simpler for them to dispose of their old houses.

This, in turn, would help boost the sales of electric appliances such as air conditioners and automatic dishwashers.

But Norris also pointed out that easy trade-ins would help the increasing number of families who are being transferred from one part of the country to another, and must dispose of their homes in a hurry.

Due for Completion this June

One of the many building projects now underway in Greater Victoria is this addition to Veterans' Hospital Structure, to be completed by general contractor G. H. Wheaton this June, will house new prosthetic department, where veterans will be fitted with such things as special boots, braces, crutches and hearing aids.—(Colonist photo)

Rains Kill Six As 1,000 Flee

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Torrential two-day rains caused six deaths in Argentina in a 24-hour period. More than 1,000 persons were moved out of their homes in suburbs of Buenos Aires Thursday, where the rainfall exceeded five inches.

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Do-It-Yourself

By J. Ralph Dalzell

Cold Mix Asphalt Perfect Material For Repairing Holes in Driveway

After wet, snowy or freezing winter weather, asphalt driveways may need maintenance. Or, the homeowner may construct a new and economical driveway, a flagstone patio area or a paved garden path. For these projects specially prepared asphalt mix, of the type that is not heated, can be used. This material can be purchased at lumber yards, where asphalt specialties are prepared. It is ready to use, just as it comes in bags, and no special tools or other equipment are necessary.

PATCH DRIVEWAY (picture 1). When patching holes or large cracks, first clean out the damaged area. Remove all old asphalt down to the earth. Use a hammer and cold chisel to cut the edges back to solid surfaces and in the shape of an inverted "V." Place gravel in the bottom of the hole and tamp it until it is firm. Use enough gravel to allow bout two inches for the asphalt mix.

Use the asphalt mix just as it comes from the bags. Spread it carefully so as to completely fill the damaged area. Allow at least one-fourth inch for compaction. Tamp and form the mix until its surface is at the same level as surrounding driveway. Make sure the mix is well tamped around the edges of the patch. The patched area will be ready for traffic after 24 hours.

DRIVEWAY STRIPS (picture 2). New and economical driveways can be made by using two strips of paving, each about two feet wide, and planned so that the wheels of a car run along the centre line of each strip. Use stakes and string to indicate all four edges of the two strips. Excavate six inches below the surface of the lawn. Use a 2x6 form for the edges of each strip. (See detail in the picture.)

Stakes can be used to hold the forms in place. Fill in about four inches of gravel between the forms, and tamp until firm. Before placing the asphalt mix, use a carpenter's level throughout the length of the driveway. The tops of the forms can follow the contour of the lawn.

Place the asphalt mix in the forms allowing about one-fourth inch for compaction.

Tamp the mix with a shovel or iron rake. Place a short 2 x 4 across the forms, along lengths, to make sure that the mix just touches the underside of the 2 x 4. The forms can be removed after 24 hours. Place earth backfill against the edges of the strips. The strips will be ready for traffic after two days.

FLAGSTONES (picture 3). For practical and desirable patio paving use forms and gravel as previously explained. Place about two inches of asphalt mix. Tamp it and use a long 2 x 4 to make sure the entire surface is all at the same level. Set the flagstones in place as desired on the mix. Set them firmly in the mix by applying pressure to their top surfaces. Make sure the stones do not rock back and forth. To prevent rocking, shove some mix under one end of stone. Use a long 2 x 4 to make sure that the surfaces of all flagstones are at the same leved, then use a trowel to place mix around the flagstones. The mix can be well tamped and level with the tops of the flagstones or just a little below their surfaces.

GARDEN PATHS (picture 4) Such paths can be made as explained for driveway strips. paths, use lengths of ordinary garden hose to establish the curves. Forms for curves can be made of boards that are and four to six inches wide. These boards will bend and can be held in place by stakes. For uneven edges do not use any forms. Just place the gravel and asphalt mix in the excavation.

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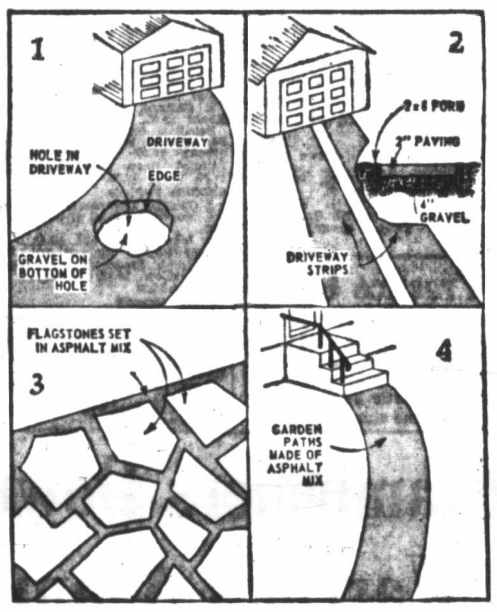

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—Are theye any really new paint colors available?

A—Yes, the so-called space age will open up a whole new world of colors. One of the new colors, known as "Celestial Blue," is now just about ready for introduction at paint stores. Other new colors will follow.

Q—What kind of enamel should we use in our kitchen where frequent washing of the walls will be necessary?

A—New enamels now available at paint stores are both heat-resistant and water resistant. One coat is usually sufficient.

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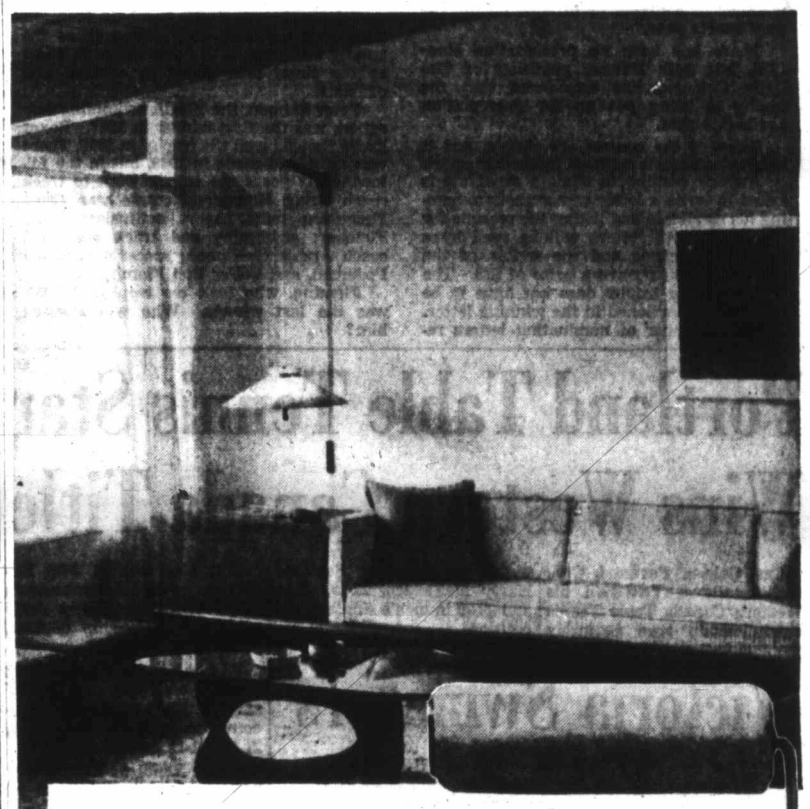

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